

News Release

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Completion Counts, Local Churches Team Up to Host Bilingual College Workshops for Parents

First workshop this Sunday, August 12 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine and St. Anthony Parish in Riverside. Admission is free and open to the public.

RIVERSIDE, CA – (August 10, 2012) Completion Counts is teaming up with congregation leaders in Riverside to host a series of bilingual workshops designed for parents on how to prepare their children for college and apply for financial aid. Workshops kick-off this Sunday with additional dates and locations to be announced. Admission is free and open to the public. This is part of Completion Counts' citywide strategy to raise college graduation rates by 2020.

The information series is a collaborative product of a civic and faith leaders' summit held in May by Riverside Mayor Ronald Loveridge to create a college-going culture. Leaders of Inland Congregations United for Change and The Church of Latter-Day Saints identified key topics for their congregants, including: A-G college-prep courses, California Dream Act, and the Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

COLLEGE WORKSHOPS:

Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, 2858 Ninth, Riverside 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, August 12 and 19 Information available in Spanish

St. Anthony's Church, 3074 Madison St., Riverside 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 11 to 12 p.m. Sunday, August 12 and 19 Information available in Spanish

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 4375 Jackson St., Riverside 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, September 23 English-Spanish translation and American Sign Language available

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Completion Counts is Riverside's partnership to raise college graduation rates by 2020. Its five-point action plan is driven by the City of Riverside, Riverside City College, Alvord and Riverside Unified School Districts, Riverside County Office of Education, University of California Riverside, and Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce. The work of Completion Counts began in 2010 with a \$3 million grant awarded to Riverside by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. www.CompletionCounts.org